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SUBJECT: LIBYA HOSTS CHILE SOLIDARITY MEETING

1. A CONFERENCE OF "SOLIDARITY WITH THE PEOPLE OF CHILE" WAS HELD IN BENGHAZI APRIL 17-19. MEETING WAS ATTENDED BY REPRESENTATIVES FROM SEVERAL COUNTRIES INCLUDING LIBYA, FRG, FINLAND, USSR, POLAND, HOLLAND, SPAIN, BULGARIA, IRELAND, ZIMBABWE, FRANCE, AUSTRIA, AND CUBA. RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE CONFERENCE CALLED FOR A BOYCOTT ON TRADE WITH THE "FASCIST REHIME IN CHILE" AND THE CONDEMNATION OF ITS POLICIES, AND LAID OUT OTHER PREDICTABLE RHETORIC. IN A SEPARATE MEETING WITHIN CONTEXT OF CONFERENCE, AHMAD SHAHATI, HEAD OF FOREIGN LIAISON BUREAU OF GENERAL PEOPLE'S CONGRESS, MET WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF VARIOUS CHILEAN "LIBERATION MOVEMENTS" AND "PARTIES." CLAIMED RESULT OF THIS MEETING WAS AGREEMENT TO ESTABLISH "UNITED FRONT" OF CHILEAN GROUPS WHICH WILL OPEN "INFORMATION OFFICES" IN VARIOUS CAPITALS INCLUDING TRIPOLI.

2. COMMENT. CONFERENCE WAS LARGELY PROPAGANDA AFFAIR AND VERY MUCH THE HANDIWORK OF AHMAD SHAHATI, WHO MAINTAINS CLOSE CONTACT WITH COMMUNIST DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS
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IN TRIPOLI AND IS LIBYA'S "FRONT MAN" FOR CONTACTS WITH SO-CALLED PROGRESSIVE ORGANIZATIONS AND GROUPS. PRESUMABLY HIS ROLE IN CREATING "UNITED FRONT" MEANS LIBYAN FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF THIS GROUPING WILL BE FORTHCOMING. EMBASSY NOTES THAT CUBAN AMBASSADOR ATTENDED THIS CONFERENCE WHICH MAY BE INDICATION THAT CUBA ONE OF LEADING ORGANIZERS OF EVENT.

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